IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the THIRD full paragraph of specification page 2 with the following replacement paragraph:

—One example of a SAN arrangement, including a multi-protocol storage appliance suitable for use in the SAN, is described in United States Patent Application ~~Serial No. 10/215,917~~ Publication No. 2004/0030668 A1, published on February 12, 2004, entitled MULTI-PROTOCOL STORAGE APPLIANCE THAT PROVIDES INTEGRATED SUPPORT FOR FILE AND BLOCK ACCESS PROTOCOLS by Brian Pawlowski et al.

Please replace the FIRST full paragraph of specification page 3 with the following replacement paragraph:

—It is advantageous for the services and data provided by a storage system, such as a storage appliance, to be available for access to the greatest degree possible. Accordingly, some storage systems provide a plurality of storage appliances organized as a cluster, with a property that when a first storage appliance fails, the second storage appliance is available to take over and provide the services and the data otherwise provided by the first storage appliance. When the first storage appliance fails, the second storage appliance in the cluster (the "partner") assumes the tasks of processing and handling any data access requests normally processed by the first storage appliance. One such example of a storage appliance cluster configuration is described in United States Patent ~~Application Serial~~ No. ~~10/421,297~~ 7,260,737, issued on August 21, 2007, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSPORT-LEVEL FAILOVER OF FCP DEVICES IN A CLUSTER, by Arthur F. Lent, *et al.*, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference. In such a storage appliance cluster, an administrator may desire to take one of the storage appliances offline for a variety of reasons including, for example, to upgrade hardware, etc. In such situations, it may be advantageous to perform a "voluntary" user-

initiated takeover operation, as opposed to a failover operation. After the takeover operation is complete, the storage appliance's data is serviced by its partner until a giveback operation is performed.

Please replace the FIRST full paragraph of specification page 8 with the following replacement paragraph:

—Whereas clients of a NAS-based network environment have a storage viewpoint of files, the clients of a SAN-based network environment have a storage viewpoint of blocks or disks. To that end, the multi-protocol storage appliance 200 presents (exports) disks to SAN clients through the creation of logical unit numbers (luns) or vdisk objects. A vdisk object (hereinafter "vdisk") is a special file type that is implemented by the virtualization function and translated into an emulated disk as viewed by the SAN clients. Such vdisks objects are further described in United States Patent ~~Application Serial~~ No. ~~10/216,453~~ 7,107,365, issued on September 12, 2006, entitled STORAGE VIRTUALIZATION BY LAYERING VIRTUAL DISK OBJECTS ON A FILE SYSTEM, by Vijayan Rajan, *et al.* The multi-protocol storage appliance thereafter makes these emulated disks accessible to the SAN clients through controlled exports, as described further herein.

Please replace the SECOND full paragraph of specification page 13 with the following replacement paragraph:

—The FC driver 330 supports a plurality of virtual ports for each physical port on a HBA. One virtual port is typically used for processing data access requests directed to the storage appliance. A second virtual port may be used for failover, as described further below. A third virtual port may be utilized for proxying purposes as further described in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. ~~[112056-0152]~~ 10/811,095 entitled SYS-

TEM AND METHOD FOR PROXYING DATA ACCESS COMMANDS OVER A CLUSTER INTERCONNECT, by Herman Lee, et al.

Please replace the SECOND full paragraph of specification page 1 with the following replacement paragraph:

—In step 725, the partner storage appliance takes over the disks of the failed storage appliance using conventional disk ownership routines. One such routine is described in United States Patent ~~Application Serial Number 10/027,020,~~ No. 7,296,068, issued on November 11, 2007, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR TRANSFERRING VOLUME OWNERSHIP IN NETWORKED STORAGE, by Joydeep Sen Sarma, et al., the teachings of which are hereby incorporated by reference. Once it has obtained control of the disks, the partner storage appliance begins servicing requests directed to the failed storage appliance (step 730). The failover procedure then completes at step 735. At this point the surviving storage appliance processes data access requests for itself and (via the second virtual port) for the failed storage appliance.